# Phil Stewart

## Division at Large Candidate

**As a candidate for Director at Large I plan to use my background in public relations and the business side of model railroading to increase our membership by suggesting programs and activities which are educational, instructive and fun.  I enjoy working with young people and want to do what I can to encourage them to be part of the world's greatest hobby.**

**I am celebrating my 63rd year as a model railroader. I got started in 1954 with a Lionel train as a Christmas Gift and haven't stopped since. I earned my railroading merit badge in Boy Scouts and as a young man joined the NMRA and became a life member. I also became a life member of the LSR and was one of the founding members of Division 8 serving as its President (then called Superintendent), Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer.  I have served on the national level for the NMRA as a committeeman on the convention committee and along with my late business partner, Jim Myers, handled public relations for the National Train Show at 7 NMRA conventions. In my capacity as an executive with an advertising agency I handled various public relations projects for Bachman, Walthers and the Great American Train Show. I served the LSR as achievement Chairman and also as vice president of the San Jacinto Model Railroad Club.  I have 4 achievement certificates and the Golden Spike. I have conducted numerous clinics on a national, regional, divisional and club level.  I am currently constructing my third layout as an adult-the Louisiana Sugar Line which is a multi-scale and multi gauge layout.  My second layout was of  Downtown Houston featuring Grand Central, Union and Katy passenger stations. It was included in the layout tour for AstroRail 89 and subsequent San Jacinto layout tours before being destroyed by storm damage. For five years I worked on the Hermann Park Railroad in Houston's Hermann Park as an engineer and conductor.**